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SUBJECT: SET PUBLISHES PROPOSED RULES FOR POSSIBLE SECOND ROUND OF
ELECTIONS

1. ON JULY 5 THE SUPREME ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL (SET) SENT TO
THE GOE PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF ELECTIONS
WHICH WILL BE HELD SHOULD NO CANDIDATE OBTAIN AN ABSOLUTE
MAJORITY ON THE FIRST ROUND. THE REGULATIONS, CONSISTING OF
9 ARTICLES AND THREE TRANSITIONAL PARAGRAPHS, ARE VERY GENERAL.
THEY DO, HOWEVER, CONTAIN SOME POINTS WORTHY OF NOTE. ABSO-
LUTE MAJORITY IS DEFINED AS FIFTY PERCENT ONE OF THE VALID
VOTES CAST, WHICH IMPLIES THAT VOID AND BLANK VOTES WILL BE
EXCLUDED FROM THE CALCULATION. THE SECOND ROUND MUST BE
CONVOKED BY THE SET NO LATER THAN THREE DAYS AFTER THE RESULTS
OF THE FIRST ROUND APPEAR IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE, AND BE HELD
WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF BEING CONVOKED. THE ELECTION ITSELF WILL
TAKE PLACE IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME RULES AS THE
FIRST ROUND. FINALLY, THE REGULATIONS ESTABLISH THAT
THE SET WILL PROPOSE TO THE GOE A DATE FOR THE INAUGURATION,
WITHOUT IND-
ICATING WHEN THAT DATE MIGHT BE, AND THAT THE
NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT WILL BE SWORN IN BY THE
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SET.

2. COMMENT: WHILE THE CALENDAR IS NOT COMPLETELY CLARIFIED
BY THE PROPOSED RULES, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE SET IS
CONTEMPLATING A MID-SEPTEMBER DATE FOR THE SECOND ROUND.
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